GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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POWERS TO UGC OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delegation of financial and administrative powers to UGC officers was approved by the University GrantsCommission and notified by the Central Government;

(b) if so, whether the present Chairman of UGC has taken away the powers of all officers since July, 1999 and concentrated all these powers in himself in violation of the UGC Act;

(c) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAISINGH GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) : According to the information furnished by UGC,the financial powers were delegated to the various functionaries of UGC vide UFC (Delegation of Powers) Regulations, 1983. These Powers have primarily been delegated to the Chairman, Secretary, Financial adviser and Director (Administration). Some of the powers have also been delegated to the Divisional Heads and Branch Officers in the Finance and Administration Bureau for functional convenience.

Due to repatriation of the then Secretary, UGC in July, 1999many problems arose during that period and an office order had to be issued wherein all the files seeking sanction/approval were required to be sent to the then Acting Chairman, UGC for sanctions, perusal and final approval. In the month of August, 1999, the former Secretary finally left UGC and in October1999, when the things settled down, all the powers of the Financial Adviser and Director (Admn.), UGC were restored.As there has been no regular Secretary in UGC since July 1999, the question of restoration of the powers of the Secretary does not arise.

There is also a mention in Schedule IIregarding authorization of officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and AdditionalSecretary for approval of the proposals under Plan Schemes. As the UGC had been receiving many complaints regarding operation of the Schemes and also that many of the ongoing Schemes under Ninth Plan need a continuous review with a view to revamp, strengthen and modify them, wherever necessary, it was considered appropriate that all the files are shown to the Chairman, UGC.